



# ARIZONA AGRI-WEEKLY

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### Field Crops

For the week ending March 27, durum wheat has headed on 20 percent of the acreage, while barley has headed on 42 percent of the acreage. In western Arizona, cotton planting is underway.

With less precipitation the past few weeks, alfalfa harvest was active on over three quarters of the State's acreage. Range and pasture conditions are mostly good.

### Vegetables, Fruit and Other Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, greens, green onions, herbs, parsley, spinach, and iceberg lettuce.

Western Arizona producers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, greens, green onions, herbs, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, parsley and spinach. Lettuce shipments included iceberg and romaine.

Producers in central and western Arizona shipped lemons, navel and Valencia oranges, and tangerines.

#### Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	-Percent-				
Alfalfa	0	6	23	64	7
Range and Pasture	3	17	29	38	13

#### Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
	-Percent-			
Durum Wheat				
- Headed	20	12	13	19
Barley				
- Headed	42	35	32	25

### Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly below normal for the week ending March 26. Temperatures ranged from 4 degrees below normal at Gila Bend and Kingman to 1 degree above normal at Canyon De Chelly. The highest temperature of the week was 82 degrees at Parker and Yuma while the lowest reading was Flagstaff and Grand Canyon at 21 degrees.

Precipitation was reported at 10 of the 17 reporting stations. Casa Grande received the lowest amount of precipitation at 0.01 inches and Flagstaff received the highest amount of precipitation at 0.65 inches. All reporting stations are above normal precipitation for this time of year.

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**Temperatures and Precipitation Data**  
**March 20 - 26, 2005**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	46	1	62	31	0.09	5.02	2.04
Casa Grande	62	-1	79	42	0.01	4.43	2.44
Coolidge	61	-2	76	39	0.00	4.70	2.90
Douglas	55	-1	71	28	0.00	4.77	1.80
Flagstaff	38	-3	49	21	0.65	13.24	6.96
Gila Bend	65	-4	80	39	0.00	3.09	2.11
Grand Canyon	39	-1	55	21	0.41	8.42	4.94
Kingman	52	-4	66	31	0.12	7.29	3.49
Parker	65	-3	82	46	0.00	4.18	2.12
Payson	47	-3	59	28	0.55	13.36	6.95
Phoenix	66	-3	78	50	0.05	5.18	2.55
Prescott Airport	45	-1	59	28	0.25	7.38	3.51
Safford Ag Center	56	-2	74	34	0.00	3.76	2.08
Tucson	61	-2	76	43	0.09	2.99	2.58
Willcox	53	-1	69	35	0.00	3.73	2.64
Winslow	47	-1	65	26	0.08	3.21	1.51
Yuma	67	-3	82	50	0.00	2.25	0.92

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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